

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
*Special Called Meeting***

**AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall  
465 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia  
December 2, 2008  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Lumpkin County Government's Strategic Plan 2009 - 2011

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**V. ADJOURN**

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Dahlonega City Hall. Present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lumpkin County Government's Strategic Plan 2009 – 2011

Chairman Gooch gave background of how the Strategic Plan came about. Presentations followed the Chairman's comments.

The County Manager, said that at the beginning of this process department managers were all working on their own goals. However, through the assistance of Frank Foster from the Center for Strategic Management, the managers are now all focused on the same goals. He pointed out the time commitment required by elected officials and others and said some had to drop out of the process due to work demands. Once the Strategic Plan had fully emerged staff discovered a marked correspondence between the Strategic Plan and the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning & Public Works Director Larry Reiter presented Strategy #1, Human Resources Director Fran Sullens presented Strategy #2, County Extension Agent Greg Sheppard presented Strategy #3, and Finance Director Allison Martin presented Strategy #4. Following these strategy presentations the floor was opened to questions from the board.

Clarence Stowers noted that a desire for web-based applications was mentioned many times in the plan. Stowers said he likes the item concerning identifying old buildings that are worthy of being on the Historical Register. John Raber said he thinks those who created the plan are to be commended. He said he thinks they did a wonderful job. Commissioner Hutcheson concurred then said she is glad to see that cemeteries will be identified. She said she is pleased about the stress on historic preservation.

In response to a question, the County Manager said he sees this as a living document that will be reviewed through time. He said it will be consulted at budget time by department heads.

Frank Foster said he has seen elected official and department heads working together building the team. He commented on how well they work together and commended County Manager Stan Kelley who brought it all together. Foster then pointed out that when a member leaves the team it does not mean that the team falls apart. Instead, new members will want to become a member of the team and will work to do that.

Citizen Emily Lewy suggested that this presentation be done again after the first of the year and to really involve the public and sell it to them.

*Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to adopt this plan which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

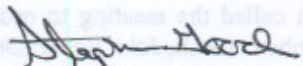


A resolution will be brought to regular meeting concerning this plan.

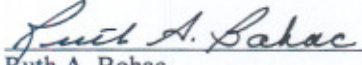
**ADJOURN**

**Motion:** *Commission Hutcheson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. This motion was seconded by John Raber. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.*

12/18/2008  
Date

  
Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County